Collision between Aircrafts of Air India and Jet Airways

1898. SHRI NARAIN PRASAD GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the Independent English daily of Bombay on November 25th, 1993 regarding the near collision of Jet airways with Air India aircraft at Bombay airport on November 8, 1993.

(b) if so, the details of the case and the steps taken by Government to avoid recurrence to such incidents; and

(c) the action taken against the private airline and its pilot for negligence and the reward given to the air India pilot as well as the airport authorities /staff for the incident revealed that the two aircraft being vigilant?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The incident had occured on 11-10-93 and not on 8-11-93 as mentioned in the news report. Investigation into the incident revealed that the two aircraft were not involved in near collision. There was, however, some mishandling by the Air Traffic Controller. The pilot of Jet Airways also did not monitor the air traffic control instructions.

Action has been initiated by the Director General of Civil Aviation against the Jet Airways pilot. The National Airports Authority has been advised to take suitable action in the matter. Air India has been advised to take action against the pilot of Air India flight for giving inappropriate suggestions to the Air Traffic Controller.

Expansion of Airport in Andhra Pradesh

1899. SHRI NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop and expand Hyderabad, Vijayawada (Gannevaram) and Visakhapatnam airports in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Work of expansion and modification of terminal building, construction of a new integrated terminal block, resurfacing of runway and augmentation of navigational/landing aids are in progress at the Hyderabad airport.

The National Airports Authority (NAA) has a proposal to develop Vijayawada airport for B-737 operations. However, due to financial constraints the project is held in abeyance.

VISAKHAPATNAM aircraft belongs to Indian Navy. NAA has recently provided there a Precision Approach Path Indicator. Due to financial constraints NAA has no plan at present to provide further facilities there.

औरंगाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर चार्टर्ड विमानों को उतारा जाना

1900. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे**: क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार अजंता और एलोरा आने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए चार्टर्ड विमानों को औरंगाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर उतारे जाने की अनुमति प्रदान करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) से (ग) औरंगाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर सीमा शुल्क/आव्रजन सुविधा सुविधाएं नहीं है और इसलिए इस समय पर्यटक